

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas Ficker et al.
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Title: Annular Composite Workpieces and a Cold-Rolling Method for
Producing Said Workpieces
Examiner: Essama Omgba
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Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the office action dated 5/10/2011, applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

Claims 14, 16-20, 22-30 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 14, 16-18, 20-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fukaya et al.* (US 5,775,740) and *Ficker et al.* (DE 19526900).

Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fukaya et al.* (US 5,775,740) and *Ficker et al.* (DE 19526900) and further in view of *Yamaguchi et al.* (US 6,629,547).

In regard to claim 14, examiner argues that *Fukaya* discloses a cold rolling method for producing an annular composite workpiece, where the method comprises inserting workpiece P' into a second workpiece O with radial play between the workpieces. Examiner